

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Jacob Bly W18618
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State of Virginia }
County of Frederick } S.S.

On this 29th day of July 1837 personally appeared before me Elijah Pifer a Justice of the peace in and for said County and State aforesaid Catharine Bly aged seventy five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836 That she is the widow of Jacob Bly, who substituted himself and marched as a soldier from the Town of Woodstock in the County of Shenandoah State of Va. in the latter part of the month of October in the year of 1780, (it was the 19th or 20th of Octo. when he left home) and he went as a substitute for a man named John Brown (who was then the Jailor in Woodstock, Shenandoah County) and he marched as she understood to South Carolina. She does not now recollect the names of any of the officers with whom he served, and in the said tour of duty to Carolina aforesaid he was absent five months and that he returned home again in the latter part of the month of March in 1781, and she further declares that he was drafted and served two short tours in the same year 1781 as a soldier and in those tours he marched from the County of Shenandoah and State of Va. to the best of her knowledge to the neighbourhood of Richmond Va. and in the first of those last tours (after returning from Carolina,) she thinks to the best of knowledge and belief he was in the service five weeks and in the second tour three weeks. She does not in those last tours recollect the names of any of the officers under whom he served, but does well recollect that he was in the service as she states in the declaration above and she further declares that she was married to the said Jacob Bly her husband as aforesaid in the year of 1780 previous to his first tour of duty to South Carolina, She states that they were married by Peter Mitchler Lutheran Parson according to the forms of the Lutheran Church of that day by publishing the bans before the marriage, and she does not know if any records of the said marriage can now be found, and she further declares that her said Husband as aforesaid has been dead thirty four years leaving her his widow and that she has remained his widow ever since that period

Catharine herXmark Bly

[On 9 Sep 1837 in Shenandoah County Dorothy Blye (as she signed) certified that the following original documents were found "among a parcel of old papers of Jacob Blys in the possession of Barbara Bly, who is the widow of John Bly, the said John Bly being the administrator of Jacob Bly."]

I Jacob Bly, as I am Call'd away upon an Expedition and knows not whether I shall Return again, Therefore I Leave & Bequeath to my only Child Elisabeth Bly ye full price or vallue of my Riding-horse, Sadle & bridle To be Converted To her use and Behoof and also If It should please God That I Should not Return again It is my will That what money or Effects I Leave In my fathers hand Is to be Converted To ye only propper use and behoof of my Loving wife and Child Except what Legal Debts Is to be out of the same. Given under my hand This 20th Day of October Anno domini 1780 Jacob Bly
Witness present/ Alex'r. Campbell,/ Michael Humel

March ye 19th 1781

This is to Certify that Jacob Bley hath Delivered A Rifel & Shot bag to J'n Bird [John Bird] which he Recieved frome his Brother George in Caroline Given Under My hand the Day and Date above writen
Jn Bird

Fredericksburg July 28th 1781

I being informed by Lieutenant Jame Marnay [James Marnay] That Jacob Bly has served his full time in the Shanondoah County Light Horse Volenteers permit him to Return to said county.

Wm. Darke Coll [William Darke, Colonel]

Received March 30th 1787 [see endnote] of Jacob Rinker a Certifcate of Nine pounds seventeen shillings & four pence, specie, in full for my services in the malitia in the said Rinkers Company on duty to the southward in the years 1780 & 1781.

Jacob Bly

A true Copy:

Teste/ Absalom Rinker admst'r of Jacob Rinker Dec'd

NOTES:

Jacob Rinker was promoted from Captain to Colonel on 28 June 1781, so the date of the receipt signed by Bly was probably March 30th 1781, rather than 1787.

The file includes a family record transcribed below, said to be in the handwriting of Jacob Bly, on the back of which is written "Paper of Ages in the Care of Catherine Bly A wido May the 19 1816."
Elisabeth Blye a Daughter of Jacob Blye and Cathrin his Wife Was Born the 8th Day of February and in the year of our lord 1780

Rachel Blye a Daughter of Jacob Blye and Cathrin his Wife Was Born the 5^t Day of May and in the year of our lord 1782

Sarah Blye a Daughter of Jacob Blye and Cathrin his Wife Was Born the 17th Day of June and in the year of our lord 1785

Rebeka Blye a Daughter of Jacob Blye and Cathrin his Wife was Born the 9th Day of April and in the year of our lord 1790

Phepe Bly a Daughter of Jacob Blye and Cathrin his Wif Was Born the 11th Day of November and in the year of our lord 1792

Mary Blye a Daughter of Jacob Blye and Cathrin his Wif Was Born the 27th Day of March and in the year of our lord 1788